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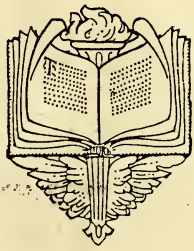

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator, Marshville, N. C.
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Thirty-first Spring Session held with the Church at Albemarle, Stanly County, North Carolina, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1915.

Also of the Eighty-fourth Annual Fall Session held, with the Church at Howard's Chapel, Stanly County, North Carolina, commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1915.

PROCEEDINGS.

Albemarle Church, Stanly County, N. C., May 1, 1915. Assembled at the stand in the grove at 10:30 A. M., and after singing and prayer the introductory sermon was preached from 2nd verse of 3rd chapter of Matthew, by Elder J. A. Ashburn from Winston, N. C.

Intermission of one hour, then the ministers and messengers present assembled in the dwelling house of our friend, Mr. Howard, so that the people could occupy the meeting house on account of rain. Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Helms. The moderator then proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. They were presented and read by Brother H. M. Baucom, assistant clerk.

2. Again appointed Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers from sister Associations to seats. Elder C. A. Davis, of Salem, and Brothers Tommie Brown, of Mill Branch, and Solomon Snyder, of Abbotts Creek, took seats.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats. Elders J. A. Ashburn, Samuel McMillon and Brother T. J. Green, of Salem, and Brother J. W. Brown, of Mill Branch, and Elder W. T. Broadway and Brothers A. L. Owen, Charlie Owen, H. E. Walser, J. B. Hulin, Monroe Williams, A. N. Surratt, Jacob Morgan and Charlie Morgan, of Abbotts Creek, also Brother J. M. Dennis, of Greensboro, were present and seated.

5. Appointed on committee of arrangement the following: Elders Henry Taylor, J. E. Williams and Brother Fulton Curlee, with moderator and clerk.

6. That Elders C. A. Davis, J. A. Ashburn, W. T. Broadway and Samuel McMillon preach on tomorrow, service to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

7. Adourned to 9:30 A. M. Monday. Benediction by the moderator.

Preaching at the stand in the afternoon by Elders C. A. Davis and Samuel McMillon.

SUNDAY, MAY 2.

Assembled at the stand at 10 A. M. and service opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Williams. Then Elder J. A. Ashburn preached from 29th verse of 11th chapter of Romans, followed by Elder C. A. Davis from 3rd verse of 1st chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Intermission one hour.

Then preaching service continued by Elder Samuel McMillon from 8th verse of 2nd chapter of Ephesians and closed by Elder W. T. Broadaway from 9th verse of 2nd Timothy. The preaching was truly good and listened to by a large and attentive audience.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 3.

Reconvened pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 A. M.

8. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

9. Called names of messengers and noted absentees.

10. Called on corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. None reported.

11. Called on corresponding messengers from sister Associations to report. Reports were satisfactory.

12. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder J. E. Williams reported that he and Elder W. R. Helms formed a presbytery on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1915, at Concord and ordained Brother E. S. Clontz a deacon of the church.

13. The Association agrees to withdraw the request made to High Hill and Broom's Grove churches last fall and now request Broom's Grove church to reconsider her attitude toward High Hill and try to become reconciled to High Hill.

14. That we return thanks to God, the members of this church and friends of the community, for such kindness and hospitality during the meeting.

15. Adjourned to time and place named in last minutes. Benediction by the moderator.

Elders C. A. Davis and B. L. Treece preached to the people at the stand Monday.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.
J. W. JONES, Clerk.
H. M. BAUCOM, Assistant Clerk.

SPRING SESSION 1915.

CHURCHES AND NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Albemarle—D. B. Howard, W. H. Hinson.

Bear Creek—Elder J. E. Williams, Aaron Furr, A. J. Furr.

Bethany—By Letter.

Broom's Grove—E. S. Huneycutt, T. M. Broom, Elder H. M. Williams.

Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, E. S. Clontz.

Clark's Grove—S. B. Tucker, J. L. Helms, E. Barbee.

Crooked Creek—H. M. Greene, H. E. Rowell, W. D. Benton.

Freedom—A. J. Deese.

High Hill—D. S. Jones, J. J. Hill, *H. W. Clontz.

High Ridge—*J. B. Medlin, J. P. Rushing, S. Edwards.

Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, R. B. Burrus, J. A. Hinson.

Jerusalem—W. A. Helms, T. F. Mills, E. W. Helms

Jones Hill—A. A. Morton, W. H. Howard, *J. S. Little.

Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, *Oscar Broom, *J. B. Whitley.

Liberty Hill—R. T. Burrus, C. W. Safley, W. H. Huneycutt.

Lawyer's Spring—J. W. Jones, F. A. Preslar, C. B. Edwards.

Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, *J. A. Barbee, *B. Hunicutt.

Mountain Creek—A Vanhoy, J. E. Russell, J. C. Miller.

New Zion—S. M. Underwood, W. A. Helms, *W. Coley.

Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, *J. H. Lee, L. B. Lee.

Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, *J. S. Thomas, T. A. Helms.

Philadelphia—By Letter.

Running Creek—G. M. Tucker, W. H. Hatley, J. H. McClure.

Union Grove—*A. E. Little, T. F. Hill, *C. S. Medlin.

Watson—*S. L. Mullis, E. C. Williams, Joel Mullis.

Wadesboro—*W. D. Edwards, W. A. Dry.

Absentees marked thus: *.

FALL SESSION 1915.

Howard's Chapel Church,
Stanly County, N. C., October 2, 1915.

Assembled around the stand in the grove at 11 o'clock A. M., and after praise and prayer the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Gallimore, a visitor, from text found in 3rd verse of 3rd chapter of St. John.

Intermission one hour.

Then the ministers and Messengers present convened in the church house. Praise and prayer service conducted by Elder Henry Taylor.

Then the moderator resumed his seat and called business in the following order:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. These were handed in and read by Brother H. M. Baucom, the assistant clerk.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

The clerk then again chose Brother H. M. Baucom to actively serve as assistant clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers from sister Associations to seats. Elder W. R. Gallimore, of Abbotts Creek, was present and seated.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats. Brother H. Monsees, also of Abbotts Creek, was present and seated. Also received minutes from Center, Mountain District, Mill Branch and Abbotts Creek Associations.

5. Appointed a committee of arrangements as follows: H. M. Baucom, P. A. Howard, . L. Mullis and moderator and clerk.

6. Appointed on finance committee Brothers J. E. Russell and S. B. Tucker.

7. That we have four sermons at the stand Sunday in the order, the ministers present, may arrange, and service to commence at 10 A. M.

8. Adjourned to 10 o'clock Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator.

Preaching service at the stand Saturday evening by Elders B. L. Treece and Henry Taylor.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3.

There was an immense congregation of people present and Elders J. F. Mills and W. R. Gallimore preached before noon. Intermission one hour and then Elders Henry Taylor and B. L. Treece preached. Texts unknown to clerk. These services were most cheering and edifying to those present and we believe the true Gospel was preached and appreciated.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4.

The Association re-convened in the house, pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Brother D. S. Jones. Then the moderator resumed his seat.

9. Called on committee of arrangements to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called roll of messengers and noted absentees.

11. Called on corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. None attended, and were excused.

12. Called on corresponding messengers from sister Associations to report. Elder W. R. Gallimore reported Abbotts Creek in peace. (Minutes received from sister Associations as already noted.)

13. That we continue correspondence with sister Associations as follows:

To Abbotts Creek—Elder Henry Taylor, Bro. W. E. Williams and file of minutes.

To Mill Branch—Elder J. F. Mills and file of minutes.

To Center—Elder H. Taylor and file of minutes.

To Mountain District—Elder H. Taylor and file of minutes.

To Silver Creek—File of minutes.

To Salem—File of minutes.

14. Called on Presbyteries to report. The moderator, Elder Mills reported that he and Elder W. T. Broadway and Deacon E. C. Jones formed a presbytery on Saturday before first Sunday in July, 1915, at Lawyers Spring and ordained Brother J. W. Jones a deacon of the church.

15. Finance committee reported sent up by the churches this year for Associational purposes-- -- -- -- -- --$32.20
16. Treasurer reports due clerk from last year- -- -- .80

Funds now available-- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --$31.40

17. That the next Spring Session of this Association be held with the church at Union Grove, Union County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1916, and we appoint Elder Robert Helms to preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. E. Williams his alternate, and that the Annual Fall Session be held with the church at Pleasant Grove, Union County, N. C., and commence on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1916. We appoint Elder Henry Taylor to preach the introductory sermon with Elder B. L. Treece as his alternate.

18. That the clerk have notices of above sessions published in the Landmark and Primitive Baptist.

19. That the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of 900 copies of these minutes and that we give him eight dollars for services this year.

20. That we return thanks to God, this church and friends of the vicinity for their hospitality during this meeting.

21. Adjourned to times and places mentioned above in these minutes.

Benediction by the moderator.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator, R. 1, Marshville, N. C.
J. W. JONES, Clerk, R. 1, Marshville, N. C.
H. M. BAUCOM, Asst. Clerk, R. 1, Peachland, N. C.

Monday, preaching at the stand by Elders W. R. Gallimore and B. L. Treece. Thus ends a most pleasant meeting.

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1915

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Rec'd by Exp. and Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions	Communion Sunday
Albemarle—W. H. Hinson, Route 1, Albemarle, N. C.	3	1			2		9	$ 1.00	4 June
Bear Creek—Aaron Furr, Bloomington, N. C.					1	2	29	1.50	1 Aug.
Bethany—Miss Jane P. Jones, Wadesboro, N. C.							3	1.00	3 Aug.
Broom's Grove—E. S. Huneycutt, Monroe, N. C.			2	1			11	1.00	4 Sept.
Concord—E. S. Clontz, Concord, N. C.							11	1.00	4 Aug.
Clark's Grove—J. L. Helms, Locust, N. C.							19	1.00	2 July
Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, Route 1, Indian Trail, N. C.				1		1	27	1.50	3 July
Freedom—A. J. Deese, Route 3, Albemarle, N. C.						1	4	.50	4 Sept.
High Hill—D. S. Jones, Monroe, N. C.			1		4		38	1.50	1 Sept.
High Ridge—J. B. Medlin, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.	6						22	1.05	3 July
Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, Route 1, Norwood, N. C.							32	1.50	1 Sept.
Jerusalem—J. W. Godwin, Route —, Marshville, N. C.						1	17	1.50	2 Aug
Jones' Hill—J. S. Little, Big Lick, N. C.						2	22	1.00	3 Sept.
Liberty—Oscar Broom, Route 1, Monroe, N. C.						1	21	1.50	4 July
Liberty Hill—C. W. Saey, Bridgeport, N. C.		1					2	1.30	4 July
Lawyer's Spring—H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C.	6			1		1	32	2.00	1 Aug.*
Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, Locust, N. C.				1			24	1.00	3 Aug.
Mountain Creek—J. E. Russell, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.	2			1			18	1.00	2 Sept

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Rec'd by Exp. and Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions	Communion Sunday
New Zion—W. A. Helms, Route 7, Concord, N. C.	1	1			1		10	1.00	2 Sept.
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Route 2, Barber, N. C.	1	1					23	2.00	4 June
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C.	9				1		18	1.50	2 July
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, Ellenboro, N. C.							12	1.25	
Running Creek—G. M. Tucker, R. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.							20	1.25	2 Aug.
Union Grove—I. N. Medlin, Route —, Monroe, N. C.	2					1	27	1.25	2 Sept.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, Route —, Monroe, N. C.	3	1					19	1.35	4 May
Wadesboro—W. D. Edwards Polkton, N. C.							7	.75	
Totals	33	5	3	5	9	10	498	$32.20	

* Saturday before.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Fall Session 1915.

Albemarle—D. B. Howard, W. H. Hinson.
Bear Creek—Aaron Furr, J. A. Barbee, A. J. Furr.
Bethany—By Letter.
Broom's Grove—E. S. Hunnicutt, T. M. Broom, W. E. Williams.
Concord—Elder W. R. Helms, E. S. Clontz.
Clark's Grove—S. B. Tucker, E. Barbee, J. L. Helms.
Crooked Creek—J. M. Austin, H. E. Rowell, W. D. Benton.
Freedom—A. J. Deese.
High Hill—J. J. Hill, D. S. Jones, W. M. Clontz.
High Ridge—J. P. Rushing, Lonnie Thomas, J. B. Medlin.
Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, J. S. Curlee, Henry Carpenter.
Jerusalem—J. W. Godwin, W. E. Helms, T. F. Mills.
Jones Hill—J. S. Little, Jona Morton, Fulton Curlee.
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, D. S. Outen, Oscar Broom.
Liberty Hill—W. H. Huneycutt, R. T. Burris, C. W. Safley.
Lawyer's Spring—R. F. Tyson, F. A. Preslar, C. B. Edwards.
Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, J. A. Barbee, B. Huneycutt.
Mountain Creek—J. C. Miller, J. E. Russell, W. R. Morton.
New Zion—*S. M. Underwood, *William Coley, *W. A. Helms.
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Sam Rimmer, *J. H. Lee.
Pleasant Grove—Elder J. F. Mills, J. S. Thomas, *T. A. Helms.
Philadelphia—*Foster Beam, *F. N. Gardner, *Julius Beam.
Running Creek—J. H. McClure, W. M. Almond, W. H. Hatley.
Union Grove—T. F. Hill, A. E. Little, C. S. Medlin.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, E. C. Williams, Joel Mullis.
Wadesboro—W. A. Dry, *W. D. Edwards.
Absentees marked thus: *.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for

God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believeers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper, that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all the members of this Association shell be enrolled by the Clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

Any member who shall willingly or knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Or Constitution of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, which was Adopted in the Date of A. D. 1832, and has been in Vogue Ever Since.

1st. The Association shall be composed of members duly chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, who producing letters from their respective churches certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2nd. In the letters from the different churches, shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excommunicated, restored, and dead since the last Association.

3rd. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Bear Creek Association, who shall have no

power to lord it over God's heritage, nor have any ecclesiastical power to infringe on the internal rights of the church, nevertheless in some cases, it becomes necessary to have some uniform rule of proceeding, viz.: When an offense may be committed by one church against another, we advise the church so offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction, and if she fails of success, she may call in the aid of two or more churches in the union to assist in the labors, and if finally, satisfaction in the opinion of the helps cannot be obtained, then the aggrieved church may bring the case before the Association, whose duty it shall be to act on it; and also, when any serious difference may arise, in any individual church, which they all, after due labor had, cannot reconcile, we advise the church then to call in the aid of two or more churches in the union to assist in the work; and if no satisfaction can be had, it may be brought before the Association, who shall act on it, and to further illustrate the mode of proceeding in the above cases, reference shall be had in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew and other Scripture, which respect discipline for the bringing to trial, and determining on the case of an individual member in an individual church, and the Association will take cognizance of no case of the kind unless the above proceeding be had thereon.

4th. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper Decorum, which they are authorized to form for themselves.

5th. The Association shall appoint a Chief Speaker, or Moderator, from among themselves for the time being, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum shall be attended to, take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before them; and a Clerk shall be appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to take a correct minute of the proceedings of the Association, keep a regular file of the minutes, who shall be at liberty to choose his assistant.

6th. New churches may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter, and delegate or delegates on examination, if found orthodox and orderly may be received and may be manifested by the Chief Speaker or Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegate or delegates.

7. Every church or delegate shall be entitled to repre-

sentation in the Association, but shall not have more than three members from a church.

8th. Any query presented to the Association by any church in the union shall be read, on which the sense of the Asociation shall be taken, whether it be considered, and if there be a majority for taking into consideration it shall be examined, otherwise it shall be withdrawn, nevertheless no query except such as relate to the general union shall be received from any church which has not been deliberately considered in the church in which it originated and which they cannot get satisfaction.

9th. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the person who made it together with his second.

10th. he Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the proceedings, and in order to enable them to do it in the most convenient manner it is recommended that the churches should contribute such sums of money as they think proper and send by their messengers, which, when received, shall be put into the hands of the Treasurer appointed for that purpose, and shall be distributed as the Association may direct for the benefit of the churches.

11th. Presbyteries for the purpose of constituting churches, or acting in conjunction with the churches, in ordaining ministers or restoring those whose gifts have been suspended by excommunication to their former function, shall be composed of two or more ministers in the union.

12th. The Association shall provide for the general union of the churches, preserve the chain of communication among them, give them advice in matters of difficulties, enquire into the cause why any churches fail to represent themselves in the Association, appropriate the money sent by the churches for Associational fund to any purpose they may think proper or necessary for the benefit of the churches, and appoint any member or members of the Association with his or their consent to transact any business for the benefit of the union which they think proper.

13th. The Association may withdraw from any church or churches that are disorderly in principle or practice.

14th. The Asociation may, at its sitting, admit any distant brethren, whose principles accord with theirs, to sit

with them, who shall be at liberty to discourse upon any question, and give his light, but not permitted to vote except touching the general union.

15th. All questions should be determined by a majority of members present, except in the reception of churches, which should be unanimous.

16th. Two-thirds of the members form a quorum to do business.

17th. Amendments may be made to this form of government and to this constitution—a majority of the members being present.

18th. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed bl the Chief Speaker and Clerk.

19th. The Asociation may adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1915.

Sent up by the Churches this year		$32.20
Due Clerk for last year		.80
For minute and Associational purposes		$31.40
For printing and mailing	$20.00	
Allowance to Clerk	8.00	
Total expense	$28.00	$28.00
Left in Treasury		$ 3.40

ADRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder J. F. Mills, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.
Elder J. E. Williams, Bloomington, N. C.
Elder W. R. Helms, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. M. Williams, Indian Trail, N. C.
Elder W. C. Edwards, Wingate, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.
Elder B. L. Treece, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder W. T. Broadway, Indian Trail, N. C.

NOTE—TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Soon as possible I transcribed and prepared the manuscript of these minutes, and on investigation I found that I could not get the printing and binding done as cheaply as in the past, and assure you that after figuring with two different printers I did the best I could. Remember also, that we have 900 copies this time.

Your humble servant,

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

October 18, 1915.